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Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Economic Community and its member States on the death of a member of the Monitor Mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 4 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Declaration on the death of a member of the Monitor Mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina issued at Brussels and Lisbon on 4 May 1992 by the European Economic Community

The Community and its member States have learned, with dismay and indignation, of the tragic incident involving the ECMM, which has cost the life of a monitor of Belgian nationality in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Community and its member States wish to express their deepest condolences to the relatives of the fallen monitor who was performing, unarmed, a peaceful and humanitarian mission. They also pay tribute to the courage and devotion of all members of the ECMM in fulfilling their meritorious task of encouraging and supporting peaceful solutions among the parties in the Yugoslav crisis.

The Community and its member States have already addressed a vehement protest to the authorities of Belgrade concerning the action of the JNA that caused the death of the ECMM monitor and expect an urgent inquiry and the punishment of all those responsible for the said incident.

The Community and its member States repeat their concern about the safety of EEC monitors and demand that adequate measures be taken immediately for their protection.